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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Election of officers

In accordance with past practice in UNCTAD, it is proposed that the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group consist of 7 members (a Chairman, 5 Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur), to be elected in accordance with the following geographical distribution: 4 from lists A and C combined, 2 from list B and 1 from list D.

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The Working Group will have available five working days from 27 November to 1 December 1995. At the first meeting, on 27 November 1995, an opening statement will be made by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD or his representative. The rest of the session will be primarily devoted to item 3 of the agenda.

Item 3: Structural adjustment for the transition to disarmament and the implications for world economic growth and development

The report by the secretariat on this agenda item (TD/B/WG.9/2) will serve as a background for the deliberations.

After presenting a framework for the analysis of both the costs and the benefits of disarmament, the report examines the sectoral issues of particular relevance to structural adjustment for the transition to disarmament in the perspective of their implications for world economic growth and development. One chapter is devoted to conversion, in particular the conversion of military production, of military bases and of manpower, including the demobilization of armed forces. It also examines the relations between conversion, privatization and commericalization. Further chapters deal with commodities and technology in their relations with structural adjustment for the transition to disarmament.

Members of the Working Group are encouraged to report on national experiences, taking into account the analysis contained in the secretariat's report.

Item 4: Other Business

Item 5: Adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group to the Trade and Development Board

The report of the Working Group will be considered by the Trade and Development Board at its eighteenth special session (11-15 December 1995), prior to the ninth session of the Conference.